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Dear Henry:

On the President's behalf, I would like to thank you for the letter which you and 55 of your colleagues sent indicating your support for renewed assistance for the Nicaraguan freedom fighters. President Reagan very much appreciated receiving your message of support.

As the President indicated in his February 16 radio address: "Time and again in the course of our history, we've aided those around the world struggling for freedom, democracy, independence, and liberation from tyranny." Now we must help the freedom fighters because if we do not the Sandinistas will, as they have sworn, attempt to spread communism to El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras and elsewhere.

Again, I would like to relay the President's thanks for your letter of support.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr. Assistant to the President

The Honorable Henry J. Hyde House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. President:

In twenty-four hours before the recess fifty-six Congressmen signed on. As soon as the recess is over I'm sure we can get you at least fifty to a hundred more.





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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

March 8, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We, the undersigned members of the U.S. House of Representatives, thank you and commend you for your recent statements to the American people about the plight of the contra freedom fighters who are opposing the communist Sandinista regime inside their native Nicaragua. We fully support your anticipated request for renewed assistance to the Nicaraguan resistance fighters, for they are asking for our help while they risk their own lives in the name of liberty.

For the same reasons that the American people gave you one of the greatest mandates in our electoral history, they are beginning to rally behind the evenhanded Central American policy that you have articulated. Your policy goals and objectives for a just, lasting and verifiable peace in Central America, which recognizes the principles of democracy, are correct.

The recent propaganda ploys undertaken by the Sandinistas, including their intensive lobbying of the Congress, are transparent. They do nothing to conceal from our fellow citizens the ongoing pattern of human rights abuses and anti-democratic policies practiced by Commandante Ortega and his regime: censorship of the press, censorship of the Catholic Church, aerial bombardment of Miskito Indian villages, repression of democratic trade unionists, and continued buildup of what is already by far the largest army in Central America, trained and equipped by the Soviet bloc and Cuba with the "moral" or financial support of Colonel Qadhafi and the Ayatollah Khomeini.

Mr. President, these are formidable odds against the freedom fighters. But we join you in your effort to assure that the U.S. Congress faces up to its responsibility both to them and to the legitimate national security interests of the United States.

Sincerely,

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